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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, ROSALYNN), PFOR, VE, US

SUBJECT: PEREZ STATE VISIT

1. I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW WE ARE CASTING THE
PEREZ STATE VISIT. THE MEMO WE SENT FORWARD YESTERDAY
FOLLOWS IN ITS ENTIRETY:

2. QUOTE:

THE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT: A STATUS REPORT

THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING FOR THE PEREZ VISIT ARE IN HAND.
THERE IS NO MAJOR ISSUE WE NEED YOUR DECISION ON NOW. WE
MAY HAVE TO SEEK YOUR SUPPORT LATER TO DETERMINE AN
ADMINISTRATION POSITION ON THE OPEC EXCLUSION FROM GSP--A
SUBJECT OF GREAT INTEREST TO PEREZ.

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A COPY OF THE DRAFT SCHEDULE, AS IT STANDS NOW, IS ATTACHED.

THE SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA:

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE VISIT ARE STRIKINGLY SIMILAR ON BOTH
SIDES:

--COORDINATING OUR NATURAL ALLIANCE ON HEMISPHERE POLITICAL ISSUES;

--CONSULTING ON THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AT THE HEART OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE; AND

--STRENGTHENING BILATERAL COOPERATION.

OUR OBJECTIVES:

WE WANT PEREZ TO AGREE TO COLLABORATE ON REGIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES.

--THE MOST IMPORTANT IS HUMAN RIGHTS. PEREZ HAS PROPOSED A SEPARATE COMMUNIQUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS. WE WILL EXPLORE JOINT OAS INITIATIVES AND WAYS WE CAN WORK TOGETHER ON KEY PROBLEM COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY ARGENTINA, WHICH PEREZ CONSIDERS THE KEY TO THE SOUTHERN CONE.

WE ALSO WANT PEREZ TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE, PERHAPS LEADING, ROLE IN SEVERAL OTHER POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS INCLUDING:

--PANAMA, AS THE NEGOTIATIONS REACH A STAGE REQUIRING PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT;

--BELIZE, SHOULD A THREAT OF CONFLICT RESULT FROM A U.K. DECISION TO GRANT BELIZE INDEPENDENCE;
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--THE CARIBBEAN, IN THE FORM OF VENEZUELAN PARTICIPATION IN A SPECIFIC PLAN OF ACTION TO JOIN US AND OTHERS TO HELP THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN;

--ANDEAN TENSIONS, BY CONSIDERING WAYS TO MINIMIZE ARMS BUILD-UP AND TENSION AROUND PERU; AND

--NON-PROLIFERATION. PEREZ HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED OUR POLICIES AND ANGERED THE BRAZILIANS IN SO DOING. WE SHOULD SEEK QUIET ACCORD BUT NOT FLAUNT IT PUBLICLY.

WE ALSO WANT AGREEMENT TO CONSULT AND WORK MORE CLOSELY ON NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES, INCLUDING:

--POST CIEC ROLE. VENEZUELA AND PEREZ GUERRERO WILL BE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO BE CENTER STAGE AFTER CIEC. WE SHOULD ENGAGE THEM BILATERALLY. PEREZ GUERRERO IS NOT LIKELY TO MODERATE MUCH BUT WE SHOULD BUILD ON

THE ESSENTIALLY MODERATE POSTURE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR
THE UNGA AND UNCTAD.

--ILLICIT PAYMENTS. WE WANT PEREZ TO REVERSE HIS
OPPOSITION TO AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT
PAYMENTS AND SUPPORT OUR PROPOSALS.

--OIL PRICES. PEREZ KNOWS THAT HIGHER OIL PRICES
HURT THE THIRD WORLD HARDEST. WE MUST REINFORCE
HIS APPRECIATION.

FINALLY, WE WANT IMPROVED BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH
THE HEMISPHERE'S LEADING DEMOCRAT.

--A CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM (LIKE BRAZIL OR MEXICO)
PROBABLY IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR VENEZUELA. THE
FOREIGN MINISTER IS INEFFECTUAL. PEREZ IS THE MAIN
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ACTOR AND HE IS NOT INTRIGUED BY JOINT COMMISSIONS.
BUT AGREEMENT TO FREQUENT CORRESPONDENCE AND CONSUL-
TATION IS IMPORTANT.

--ENERGY COOPERATION. WE PROPOSE TO EXPLORE AN ENERGY
TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT NOT DISSIMILAR TO THOSE WITH
IRAN AND THE SOVIET UNION. THIS COULD INCLUDE SOME
PROVISION FOR A FUTURE U.S. ROLE IN DEVELOPING THE
ORINOCO TAR BELT.

--SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY/EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE. WE
SHOULD AGREE TO WORK ON EXPANDED CULTURAL TIES
AND PROPOSE VENEZUELAN AGREEMENT TO FUNDING OF
NEW REGIONAL INITIATIVES. WE ANTICIPATE SIGNING
A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT WITH THEM. PEREZ
WILL DEDICATE HERE A PIECE OF SCULPTURE VENEZUELA
GAVE US FOR OUR BICENTENNIAL.

--ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. VENEZUELA GIVES A HIGH
PRIORITY TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND MIGHT AGREE
TO CLOSER BILATERAL COOPERATION IN THIS AREA.

THEIR OBJECTIVES

PEREZ WANTS:

--VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE ABOVE. PEREZ WOULD LIKE TO
WORK CLOSELY WITH US ON THE WHOLE RANGE OF REGIONAL
POLITICAL ISSUES. WE ARE VERY CLOSE ON MOST. BUT
HE HAS PROBLEMS WITH FOLLOW-THROUGH. ON NORTH-SOUTH,
HE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE US FARTHER THAN WE ARE PREPARED

TO GO, BUT CAN BE HELPFUL.

--TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. PEREZ IS FED UP WITH THE
AMERICAN PRESS, PUBLIC AND U.S. ATTITUDES TOWARD
VENEZUELA IN PARTICULAR AND LATIN AMERICA IN
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GENERAL. HE FEELS HIS NATION AND HIS DEMOCRACY ARE
NOT SUFFICIENTLY RECOGNIZED AS MAJOR ASSETS TO
THE U.S. THE VENEZUELAN EXCLUSION FROM GSP IS
SYMPTOMATIC OF OUR ATTITUDE.

--NOT TO BE QUOTED. PEREZ DOES NOT TRUST THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT TO KEEP HIS CONFIDENCES. HE WOULD BE
WILLING TO BE MUCH MORE HELPFUL IF HE THOUGHT WE
WOULD NOT TELL HIS THIRD WORLD AND HEMISPHERIC
CRITICS ALL ABOUT IT.

ATTACHMENT: ILLUSTRATIVE SCHEDULE FOR PEREZ STATE
VISIT.

3. "ILLUSTRATIVE SCHEDULE FOR PEREZ STATE VISIT

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1977

2:00 P.M. (APPROX.) ARRIVE WILLIAMSBURG, TOUR, AND
FAMILY DINNER.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1977

10:30 A.M. WHITE HOUSE ARRIVAL CEREMONY, TALKS WITH
PRESIDENT CARTER.

12:30 P.M. LUNCHEON FOR PRESIDENT PEREZ BY
SECRETARY VANCE, STATE DEPARTMENT.

LUNCHEON FOR MRS. PEREZ BY MRS. VANCE, STATE
DEPARTMENT.

2:30 P.M. COFFEE MEETINGS WITH SENATE AND HOUSE.

8:00 P.M. STATE DINNER, WHITE HOUSE.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1977

7:30 A.M. POSSIBLE BREAKFAST WITH THE VICE
PRESIDENT, BLAIR HOUSE

10:30 A.M. SECOND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.

12:30 P.M. LUNCHEON AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB.

7:30 P.M. RECEPTION-BUFFET AT VENEZUELAN EMBASSY.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1977

NEW YORK--MEETINGS WITH COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS,
COUNCIL ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY,
TIME INC., NEW YORK TIMES.

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1977

8:45 A.M. PHILADELPHIA--DEDICATION OF MIRANDA
STATUE.

CHICAGO--LUNCH AND DINNER WITH BUSINESSMEN.

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1977

CHICAGO--UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

DEPARTURE FOR CARACAS.

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